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1.	Statement			
	Novelty (N)	Claims	1-7	YES
		Claims		NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims	3, 4, 6, 7	YES
		Claims	1, 2, 5	NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-7	YES
		Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: JP 2002-259223 A (International Business Machines Corp.)

Document 2: JP 2003-022339 A (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.)

Document 3: JP 2001-265662 A (Nippon Telegraph And Telephone Corp.)

Document 4: JP 2002-312521 A (Denso Corp.)

Claims 1, 2 and 5

Document 1 indicates that a "determination is made as to whether illegal setting back of the system timer was performed...[and] corrections are made to the last date of access and the expiration date" (paragraph [0049]), and the feature in question corresponds to "detecting whether the clock of the terminal device has been changed and updating the use limitation information" in the invention set forth in claim 1. Meanwhile, the configuration wherein the "terminal device is equipped with a detachable content use management device for managing the use of the available content" is well known, as disclosed in document 2 or document 3. Such being the case, it would have been easy for a person skilled in the art to conceive of applying the technical concept that is

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disclosed in document 1 in such a configuration.

Claims 3, 4, 6 and 7

The inventions set forth in the abovementioned claims involve an inventive step in relation to the content disclosed in documents 1 to 4. That is to say, the inventions set forth in the abovementioned claims are not disclosed in any of the documents that are cited in the present written opinion, and it would not have been possible to configure said inventions by simply combining the inventions that are disclosed in the documents in question.